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Pre-Meds Cite Reputation, Grades for Admissions Woes

By ROBBY MILLERs,

Medical school admissions for Hamilton students has continued to be a source of discussion, anxiety, and bitterness this year. Students blame Hamilton's comparatively low rate of acceptance by medical schools on stringent grading standards and the refusal to inflate grades here, as well as the college's failure to build a reputation among medical schools.

Some pre-meds said that if they had had a realistic perspective on the medical school situation for Hamilton graduates before they matriculated, they would have gone to college elsewhere, and one pre-med accused the Admissions Office of deceiving and misleading pre-freshmen this year. Others said that pre-med advisor and Associate Dean Robin Kinnel was unable to invest the appropriate amount of time into pre-med advision.

Seventeen Hamilton students have applied to medical school this year, which is nearly half the number of applicants of a year ago. Five of the 17 have been accepted thus far, and 15 have been invited for at least one interview. Kinnel said this week that he expects that "no more than five more will get in." Therefore, if the highest expectations are reached, then 59 per cent of Hamilton's applicants will have been accepted by a medical school, a 15 per cent increase over last year's figures.

Students and administrators alike are well aware of the nationwide problem of skyrocketing competition in applications to medical schools, but at issue here is whether Hamilton has institutional problems of its own which hurt its pre-meds even more.

"Without a doubt, Hamilton's grading standards have appreciably hurt us," said Roger Schneider '75, a pre-med, who is chairman of the Curriculum Committee.

According to Kinnel, the average grade at Hamilton is 83.4 per cent. "No other school of comparable quality has a cumulative average which is that low," said Schneider.

"It's quite obvious that Hamilton is way behind the times in this regard," continues Schneider. "Although I do not approve of rampant inflation – because the credibility of the school and the meaning of grades are at stake – Hamilton can no longer hide in its own little world and expect the rest of academia to realize that its grades stand for quality while no one else's do."

Grades

"Grades are the only reason why Hamilton does so poorly in comparison to schools of similar quality," said Glenn Perelson, who is one of the five students already accepted by a medical school this year.

Hamilton's poor competitive rating with respect to grades and success in medical school placement is exemplified by comparison to Amherst College, where nearly 85 per cent of its applicants were accepted by medical schools last year. Of all grades given last year at Hamilton,

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Babbitt Announces $375 Kirkland Tuition Raise

By MONICA LIFF

Tuition at Kirkland will increase $375 for the 1975-76 academic year—the college's largest hike yet—President Babbitt announced at a Kirkland Community Meeting Monday.

The announcement followed budget decisions made by the Kirkland Board of Trustees, who met here last weekend.

Calling the increase inevitable, Babbitt cited increased costs in everything from electricity to paper, as well as the projected salary increases of 10% for faculty and staff, as reasons for the increase.

Competitive Position

Babbitt affirmed that the rise in costs to $4975 will maintain Kirkland in a competitive position with schools of comparable size. He cited an article in the New York Sunday Times of Feb. 9 which stated that college fees around the country were being raised an average of 10% for next year. Kirkland's increase is significantly below that percentage, he reminded his listeners.

Babbitt said that adjustment will be made in the financial aid offered students to take into account the increase.

Decisions on Hamilton tuition for next year will not be made until March, when the Hamilton Board of Trustees will meet.

Last Year's Fees

For academic year 1972-73, Kirkland charged a total of $4400 for tuition, room, board, and overall expenses. In 1973-74, the fees rose to a total of $4600.

Hamilton's expenses are currently $4425. Cost increases at Hamilton have been less than $200 in recent years, but a larger increase is expected this year.

New Guidelines May Force Aid Revision

By SUSAN MALKIN

New guidelines for financial aid now being formulated by the federal government may force Hamilton and Kirkland to revise its financial aid program, Kenneth Kogut, financial aid director, has reported.

The College Scholarship Service (CSS), the organization which has traditionally designed financial aid packages for colleges across the country, recently issued new guidelines which many colleges and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) found unacceptable. The colleges said they could not afford to comply with the CSS standards which shifted much of the financial responsibility from the parents to the colleges.

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58 Empty Beds Cause Kirkland Fiscal Loss

By LIZ BARROW

There are 58 empty beds on the Kirkland campus this semester according to Dean of Student Affairs, Jane Poller. Last year at this time there were 26 empty beds said Linda Patrick, former director of residence. This fall there were only 12 empty beds as of the trustee meeting the first of October.

The situation at Hamilton is similar to Kirkland Hamilton Dean of Students Gordon Bingham said, though the number of empty beds has remained more or less constant at 34 throughout this school year. There are a total of 740 beds on the Hamilton campus and 200 beds in the fraternities Bingham said.

Kirkland has 615 beds but it generally tries to keep only 600 of them filled, President Babbitt said.

Empty Beds Costs

Although the current number of empty beds at Kirkland may fluctuate by as many as five, either way in the next few weeks, the total amount of money lost by Kirkland due to the empty beds alone may come to as much as $13,975. The drop in attendance the 58 empty beds

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New Tenure Proposal Discussed

By NEIL CHENEY

The Hamilton Committee on Appointments, in a tenure proposal now under development, has established three types of appointments—probationary, competitive probationary, and term—which would govern the appointment of new faculty members, according to Professor of Geology and committee chairman Donald Potter.

The committee is preparing a new set of tenure guidelines to replace those advanced by the committee last November, which were received unfavorably by the faculty. That proposal called for the establishment of guidelines for restricting the number of tenured members by department.

Also in response to calls last fall that the committee be more representative of the faculty, the tenure body has been expanded from three tenured professors to seven members including two non-tenured faculty, Assistant Professor of English John O'Neill and Assistant Professor of Economics Robert C. Allen. The committee had been comprised of only Professor Potter, Professor of Music Stephen Bonta and Professor of Romance Languages Rouben Cholakian.

Probationary Terms

According to Potter, a probationary appointment as outlined in the new proposal will indicate to a new faculty member that he is being hired for a position where tenure is possible. A competitive probationary appointment will mean that a new faculty member will be expected to compete within a department with another new faculty member for one tenured position.

For both types of appointments, a decision to grant tenure will be based on the person's qualifications and merits, said Potter, adding that if two people on competitive probationary appointment in a department do not meet the college's standards, then neither appointee will be considered for tenure.

A term appointment would be for a term of "perhaps five years" with no chance for receiving tenure, according to the chairman.

No Retroactive

The committee's deliberations thus far have dealt only with the tenure of future faculty members and not with any policy that would retroactively affect professors now on the faculty. According to O'Neill, the problem of a retroactive policy on tenure was separated from the problem of future tenure by the committee because the two issues are "logically separate."

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Humane Society leaders discuss problems. See page nine.

Ambassador Armin Meyer on Kissinger's Diplomacy
Feb. 17, Monday, 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

Professor Martin Kilson on "New Ethnicity"
Feb. 20, Thursday, 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

See pages three and four for details.

EDITORIAL
Pre-Med Options

The apparent failure of Hamilton pre-medical students to achieve a rate of acceptance to medical schools comparable to those of colleges similar to Hamilton, such as Amherst, Williams, and Union, is of considerable concern to those involved in the pre-medical program here. The comparatively poor overall showing of Hamilton students is particularly important to seniors who have worked towards the goal of attending medical school for over three years. These men, although apparently qualified, may not achieve admittance. Additionally, the success, or lack of success, of Hamilton students could have a striking effect on qualified prospective freshmen, who may decide to attend other colleges whose rates of acceptance are higher than Hamilton's.

Yet if one dismisses the simplistic solution that grades be inflated across-the-board, there seems to be no easy remedy to the problem of pre-medical admissions.

With fears of repeating the obvious, however, it appears that the solution lies in the slow, painstaking process of improving the college's reputation among medical schools. Although Associate Dean and pre-medical advisor Robin Kinnel has said that this is what he has been doing all along, it seems as though it would be in the college's best interest if it concentrated those efforts.

With the volume of pre-med applications skyrocketing nationally as students frantically search for admission, review of applications at medical schools has become increasingly mechanical. This has precluded special attention to Hamilton applicants, whose comparatively low grades must be re-interpreted favorably if these students are to compete.

Medical school officers at a select number of schools could be informed of Hamilton's grading and science program. At least at those schools, Hamilton students would be afforded instant recognition, instead of instant rejection. However, such a strong rapport can only be developed with a few schools, considering Hamilton's resources. In light of the fact that the college's reputation is strongest in New York State, and that it would be easiest for a pre-med advisor to visit schools in this part of the country, Hamilton should concentrate its efforts on developing contacts with local medical schools.

Students have charged that Dean Kinnel, despite his efforts, has not invested the amount of time needed to foster the type of rapport with medical schools that is needed. Although Dean Kinnel has denied that his workload is too great, it may be advisable for the college to select another professor who could invest more time and energy into the job, albeit still a part-time position. Clearly, as both a professor and dean, Kinnel is unable to do as much traveling as is necessary.

The college was cited as the most selective in New York State, and thus should be able to carry this reputation into the committee room of medical school admissions offices. If increased communication and public relations fail or have failed already, even in a concerted effort, then it may indeed be the case that Hamilton can no longer honestly describe itself as both a liberal arts college and as a reliable avenue to medical schools. Clearly, in such a case, prospective pre-medical students should be told that Hamilton is a liberal arts college first, and a pre-professional school second. Thus, it would end the perpetuation of an ill-founded myth which has led to the disappointment of many Hamilton students.

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Catalogue of Woes

By VINCENT L. DiCARLO

It's the little things that count. The presence or lack of seemingly insignificant amenities doesn't merely make a lot of difference; it makes all the difference. When minor indignities upon indignities are perpetrated on the student body, the cumulative effects inevitably produce visible bruises. If you think this sounds like the introduction to a catalogue of woes, you have a remarkable grasp of the obvious.

A few weeks ago in South Dormitory, to the horror of the inhabitants, a determined crew of men with brushes defaced the walls with copious quantities of polychromatic ichor. At first, everyone was certain that this covering must have been compounded from the juice of tropical insects. What convinced them otherwise was the fact that, try as they might, and they did try, hardy souls, the stuff adamantly refused to be removed.

Soap, Draino, and acid were only laughed at by the visual abomination. Even heavy doses of Commons coffee failed to remove it (though some promising looking fumes were produced). As a result, South will continue to look like a cross between a nursery school for the mentally handicapped and a McDonald's. Yes , believe it or not, South now proudly boasts a set of golden arches to rival those of any hamburger stand in the Northeast. It shouldn't happen to a pup-tent.

Then there's Commons. There may be some reason in the suggestion that Hamilton students will simply have to live with entirely unexciting fare due to limitations of the allocation the college grudgingly spares to feed them. But why, why, WHY must what we do get be eaten under lighting the only fitting function of which is to reduce crime in the inner city? What combination of incredible arrogance on the part of the physical plant office, inexcusable callousness on the part of the administration, and bovine docility on the part of the students, has allowed this entirely gratuitous annoyance to persist?

It's no wonder that civility is absent given such uncivilized surroundings. For this particular insult we don't even have the luxury of blaming Service Systems ("it's those damn profiteers"). I suggest that Mr. Leuiken be required to eat the same green eggs we do until he sees fit to install lighting that will allow nature's gift from the hen to resume its true colors.

These two of the latest gestures of comtempt for student's dignity have by no means been the only ones. Rather, they comprise only the latest chapter in a long history of abuse. "No Parking" signs on the main quad, numbers on the trees, twenty-cent coffee, non-existent vacuum cleaners, leaky faucets, dirty bathrooms--- a recitation of the complete list is pointless.

The message has already been made abundantly clear. Amenities belonging to students are to be held in contempt compared to such vital considerations as administrative convenience. All the sincere protestations of good will in the country can't rebut the clear evidence of the senses.

If Hamilton college wishes to recapture what it may have had of the dignity of a civilized community, the administration must begin to recognize that it cannot constantly irritate students by sheer indifference to their dignity as featherless bipeds. The cattle-car mentality just will not do any longer of something is not to give.

Standard lighting, tasteful paint-jobs, and clean bathrooms are minor things, right? Bullshit. Clean up your act, guys, and give us a break.

Letters to the Editor

Socialist Labor Party Plea

To the Editor:

With the tragic experience of World War I through Vietnam, the makers of war find it increasingly difficult to invoke ideological reasons for military conflict. It is becoming ever more clear to thinking persons that modern war is the result of economic rivalries among nations. Kissinger's recent veiled threat that war might become an option if oil nations cause "some actual strangulation of the industrial world" confirms this view.

The propaganda of 1917 to make the world safe for democracy and saving the world from fascism during World War II and now to save the Saigon regime from Communism, no longer for the moment appear effectively.

Now we seem to be paving the road to World War III with the most devastating weapons imaginable. The cry may soon be "save our Western industrial civilization." (A semantic term for capitalism.) The truth is that U.S. capitalism is confronted with the alternative of capturing new and extending present foreign markets or facing a serious possibly fatal economic crisis at home with an inevitably disastrous effect on Western capitalism generally. Russian and Mideast rulers are likewise confronted with the problem of enlarging their economic control of the world and its resources or facing serious trouble at home.

For the American worker bearing the brunt of the present crisis and troubled by the disintegration of society and the perils of war, there is no higher contribution to the cause of the social sanity than a serious study of the principles and program of the Socialist Labor Party. Industrial Democracy is the need of the day!

Students desiring further information about the program of the S.L.P. may write me: P.O. Bx. 41, Mt. Pocono, Pa. 18344.

Lillian Beck

That Splinter Again

To the Editor:

As I sat on the park bench, splinter firmly in place, I was joined by a student from Oswego. Unprompted, he expounded upon his great grades. I then realized that at Hamilton the students received an education, whereas at other institutions the students receive only grades.

Hamilton students' situation is analogous to hockey games on the hill. Win or lose, we are gentlemen; but only through losing does a participant perceive, in the proper light, the meaning of victory. Both students, especially seniors, and hockey players are unfortunately subject to bad refereeing.

Farewell fair Hamilton, you do something not only for us, but to us. Would I do it again? Why not. Upon matriculation the spirit of Hamilton takes up residence within each of us, never to die but always a guide.

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Applications for Editor-in-Chief of the Spectator will be available from Harold W. Bogle, 119 Dunham, Mrs. St. Clair, Root 108, and the Kirkland Dean of Student Affairs Office on Monday Feb. 17. The written application must be returned to Harold W. Bogle by Feb. 27. Personal interviews will be given on March 13 by the Publications Board. The process is open to any sophomore or junior.

CAREER CENTER

AMBASSADOR & MRS. MEYER

On Tuesday, February 18, from 10:15-11:45, Ambassador Meyer, Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, will hold career interviews with individual students in Backus Room, Bristol Center. For an appointment, please call Career Center (x7346) or stop by our office at Dunham Basement.

On Wednesday, February 19, from 1:00-2:30, Ambassador Meyer will meet with individual students in the Senate Room, Bristol Campus Center. For an appointment, please stop by Career Center office or call x7346.

On Thursday, February 20 at 8:00 p.m. in Kirner-Johnson 220, there will be an evening of informal discussion with Ambassador Meyer and his wife, Alice James Meyer, a former reporter and editor for the Washington Times Herald and Washington Evening Star. The topic will be "Juggling Professional and Private Lives". Students from both campuses are welcome to join in.

On Friday, Febroary 21, from 9-11 a.m., an "At-Home" in the Meyer's suite at Bristol Campus Center (Alexander Hamilton Suite)—a time to drop by and share informal talk over coffee.

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

On Wednesday evening, February 19, representatives of Chase Manhattan Bank will hold an informal discussion concerning career possibilities in banking. The meeting will take place at 8:00 p.m. in Fisher Room at Bristol Campus Center. Hamilton and Kirkland students are welcome to participate. No need to sign up.

CALLING ALL FOLKIES

Hamilton and Kirkland are sponsoring the Second Annual Stephen Fensterer Memorial Folk Festival to be held May 1-4, 1975. A crafts fair, square dance, and free workshops will be held in addition to the usual musical competition. Competition is limited to the first 50 amateur (non-union) performers. April 15 is the deadline for applications. For information concerning the festival and applications write: Box 691, Kirkland.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Students and faculty with animals must register them with the Society for the second semester. Registration is Sunday, Feb. 16 and Sunday, Feb. 23 from noon until 6 p.m. in McEwen Coffeehouse. Details of registration will be sent to the community through the mail. To file a complaint about animal, please send it to Phil Hayes or Alexandra Coursen. Complaints must be signed. Call Phil Hayes at 4921 with questions.

SPECIAL INTEREST HOUSING

There will be an informational meeting on special interest housing at Kirkland on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Pit. If you have questions about proposal formulation, want to find students considering similar programs, or are simply curious, please attend. For further information, contact Carol Eyman x4949, or Win Haslam (Assembly Secretary) x7466.

ADLER STEERING

All Kirkland students interested in joining the present 1975 Adler Committee to study the question of having a joint Hamilton-Kirkland conference this year are urged to contact the Assembly Office or the Dean of Student Affairs office at Kirkland. Those who have attended past Adler conferences are particularly urged to do so. Further information may also be obtained by contacting Bruce Wrigley, chairman, 1975 Adler Steering Committee at 4296.

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Meyer Optimistic About Mid-East Peace

Woodrow Wilson Fellow Armin Meyer, former ambassador to Japan, Iran, and Lebanon, said Wednesday that he does not expect war in the Middle East "as long as people keep talking."

Meyer, who will be visiting the colleges Feb. 16-22 as part of the visiting fellows program of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, also said that "America should try to be more helpful to draw a line that would consider the interests of all parties (in the Middle East)."

The former ambassador, having just completed a month-long tour of the Middle East, said, however, that given the international and domestic setting at this time, he would probably follow what he calls the "step-by-step" approach to diplomacy which Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has employed.

Meyer said his trip to the Middle East was a personal one. He did not report his findings to Kissinger; the former diplomat now teaches at American University in Washington, D.C.

Meyer's keynote speech is set for Monday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. His talk is titled, "Behind Kissinger's Step-by-step Approach in the Middle East."

Speaking of his 14-country tour, Meyer said "I tried to test the breeze, as they say in Egypt. There is a very strong desire, certainly in Egypt, to make another step in the direction of peace. Also in Israel, an appreciation that this was an opportunity, but quite understandably there are those concerned about making concessions and losing strategic values."

Meyer said it was not appropriate for him to comment on the role Undersecretary of State Joseph Sisco plays in Kissinger's policy making. He said, "He is with the Secretary, and he is also very much involved in day-to-day problems in State."

Sisco was elected president of Hamilton January 1974, but then withdrew to accept his present position at the Department of State.

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Langdon Gilkey, professor of theology at the University of Chicago, will make two speaking appearances at Hamilton Sunday.

Gilkey, author of five books, will deliver the sermon Sunday morning at the 11:15 a.m. service of the Free Church of Clinton in the Chapel. At 8:30 p.m. he will speak, also in the Chapel, on "The Religious Dimension of Political Experience." The public is invited to attend both talks. There is no admission charge.

Molly Bartlett

Kirkland Assistant Director of Admissions Molly Bartlett has been named by President Babbit as acting director of admissions, effective immediately. Bartlett replaces Director Brigid Cosper, who resigned to become head of the high school at St. Ann's School in Brooklyn.

Bartlett will now assume primary responsibility for the daily operations of the admissions office. Cosper has now become director emerita and will remain in the office as a full time consultant until the end of March.

Babbitt reported that almost 200 applications have been received for the permanent director's position. Candidates for the post will be brought to the campus beginning in the last week of February, Babbitt said.

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The Hamilton-Kirkland Debating Society will present tonight a parliamentary debate on the resolution that "Beer is the Salvation of the American People."

Parliamentary debate, explained John Helander, the society's president, is meant to be witty, sometimes absurd, and full of style. It is essentially different from national, serious topic debate.

Arguing the affirmative position will be Philip Montalvo and Barry Seltzer; handling the opposition's case will Douglas Snyder and Douglas Glucroft.

The debate is scheduled for 8:30 in the Chapel. Admission is free, and hecklers are welcome.

Next weekend, the debaters will take off for McGill University in Montreal, Canada for more parliamentary debate. "We hope to come home with the trophy this year," said Helander.

The Hamilton Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa elected 13 members of the Class of 1975 to the ranks of that national fraternity, Professor of Chemistry Leland Cratty, secretary-treasurer of the chapter, has announced.

In conjunction with the chapter's election, Professor of Political Science Martin Kilson of Harvard University will deliver a public lectur as this year's Phi Beta Kappa scholar.

The thirteen new members are: David Backus, John Emerson, Howard Jacobowitz, Richard Klapper, David Kulle, James Udwig, Howard Reissen, Charles Rury, Richard Silver, William Duncan Stalker, Steven Tepper, Ray Terepka, and Chok Yuen Tso. Four other students were elected in September: Ray Dolley, Kent Kalina, Louis Pacilio, and Martin Shapiro.

Professor Kilson, who will speak Thursday evening in the Chapel on "The New Ethnicity in America," has studied politics and administration in developing African state blacks in America, and is now doing rearch on ethicnity in America.

According to Professor Cratty, the chapter likes to vary the kind of scholars. Its first choice was a California Geologist, Eugene M. Shoemaker. The travel distance, however, precluded his visit. Kilson was the second choice. Last year, concert pianist Charles Rosen visited as Phi Beta Kappa Scholar.

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Much to the dismay of those students bent on redecorating the walls of Commons to their "taste," the painting on the west wall is gone. It will soon occupy an honored place at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute in Utica.

According to Walter Pilkington, College historian and Librarian, the painting is of both artistic and monetary value. It is a portrait of Charles Walcott, textile manufacturer and nineteenth century benefactor of Hamilton.

Originally the painting hung in the Perry Hiram Smith Library, and moved with the library to the James building. There is stayed on the upper floor of the building. A room was built around it, making it almost impossible to remove.

When Commons was redecorated 10 years ago, it was decided that the painting hang on the west wall. It had been rapidly deteriorating while hanging on the top floor of the James Library, so it was coated with plexiglas, sqeezed out the door and into Commons.

There it remained until two weeks ago. Complaints from students and administration about its condition prompted its move from Commons. "It had become a target," said Pilkington.

According to Pilkington, the next and probable final place of repose for the giant portrait will be the Hamilton College Collection at the institute. He added that Ed Dwight, director of the institute had suggested that it may hang in Fountain Elms, the Victorian Mansion near the museum.

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"American Furniture in the 19th Century" will be the title of a lecture by Joseph Butler, director of the Sleepy Hollow Restoration, at the Bristol Lounge on Sunday (Feb. 16) at 8 p.m.

Butler is the author of two books and numerous articles on American furniture, and is the American editor of Connoisseur magazine.

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B.F. Skinner '26, the behavioral psychologist, is one of Hamilton's more noted alumni and perhaps the most famous person lecturing on the Hill this semester. He has not released the title of his talk March 4, but said that it will be a new departure in the field of ethics and ethical behavior. It will be a reduced version of a lecture he is to give at Reed University the next day, and part of a series of lectures eventually to be compiled into a new book. Some of Skinner's previous publications include "Walden Two," "The Science of Human Behavior," and "Beyond Freedom and Dignity.

The last two in the Root-Jessup series will be James Kilpatrick, columnist and author of several works on the problems and politics of the South, and Thomas Eagleton, the senator from Missouri who came into national prominance two years ago when his nomination for the vice-presidency under George McGovern was contested on the grounds of past experience with psychological treatment.

Hamilton will hold a symposium April 25 and 26 on "Language and Behavior" in which some four or five scholars in linguistics, psychology and psycholinguistics will be participating. The symposium has been partly funded by $2000 grant from the Beatman Foundation.

The three scholars so far selected are Peter Farb, author of "Word Play," who will serve as moderator, Jerrold J. Katz, professor of philosophy at MIT, author of "The Philosophy of Language," "Semantic Theory," and "The Underlying Reality of Language and Its Philosophical Import" and William Labov, professor of linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania, author of "Sociolinguistic Patterns," and "Language in the Inner City; Studies of the Black English Vernacular." Each speaker will deliver a paper and take part in public discussion. Exact dates and times for the presentations have not been set.

Lecturers are approved and solicited through a joint Hamilton-Kirkland Committee chaired by Professor of Speech Charles Todd. Suggestions for the college-funded lectures are primarily submitted by faculty, although students may make suggestions indirectly to professors they know. In the past, individual students have been quite successful in helping attract speakers to the college through personal and family connections.

February

16 "The Religious Dimensions of Political Experience," Dr. Langdon Gilkey, Professor of Theology, University of Chicago Divinity School. Sunday, 8:00 p.m., Chapel.

"American Furniture of the Nineteenth Century," Joseph Butler, Director Sleepy Hollow Restoration, Sunday, 8:00 p.m., Bristol Campus Center, second floor lounge.

17 Woodrow Wilson Senior Fellowship Lecture: "Behind Kissinger's Step-by-Step Approach in the Middle East," Ambassador Armin H. Meyer. Monday, 8:00 p.m., Chapel.

20 Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Lecture: "New Ethnicity in American Life," Martin Kilson, Professor of Government, Harvard University. Thursday, 8:00 p.m., Chapel.

24 "Japanese Influence on Western Art," Professor Rand Carter. Monday 8:00 p.m., Root Art Center.

Computer Lecture Series: "Computer Graphics," Professor Norton Starr. Monday, 7:30 p.m., Science Auditorium.

LEC/ TURES

Both the Woodrow Wilson Senior Fellowship Lecture and the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Lecture, delivered by Armin H. Meyer and Martin Kilson, respectively, will be given this week.

Meyer, former U.S. ambassador to Japan, Iran and Lebanon will be on the Hill for seven days, visiting with student and faculty and participating in academic discussions (see article, page 3). He will deliver a lecture entitled "Behind Kissinger's Step-by-step Approach in the Middle East" Monday, Feb. 17 (see above).

Martin Lilson, Professor of Government at Harvard University, will give the Phi Beta Kappa lecture Feb. 20 on "New Ethnicity in American Life" (see above). Kilson has been studying the politics and administration in developing African states, and the political problems of urban blacks in the U. S. Two of his published books are "Political Change in a West African State" and "Political Dilemma of Black Mayors." He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciencs and the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, a fellow of the African Studies Association, and he is on the council of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Kilson will also speak and lead discussions in regular academic classes on the Hill, specifically those in history, government and anthropology.

26 Root-Jessup Lecture: "Liberalism and Practical Politics:The Two are Compatible," Thomas Eagleton, Senator from Missouri. Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Gymnasium.

March

4 B. F. Skinner, '26, Professor of Psychology, Harvard University. Title TBA. Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Chapel.

12 Hamilton-Kirkland Journal Club and Sigma XI Lecture: "Memory for Meaning," Professor Douglas Herrman. Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Science Auditorium.

13 McEwen Lecture, Professor Stephen Toulmin of the University of Chicago. Title TBA. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.

17 Hamilton-Kirkland Journal Club Lecture, Professor Walter Broughton, Kirkland College Social Science Division. Monday, 8:30 p.m., Bristol Campus Center Lounges.

April

8 Professor Joseph Snider, Oberlin College and Smithsonian and Harvard Observatories. Title TBA. Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Science Auditorium.

9 "The Works of Josephy Pennell," Mr. Roger Howlett, Child's Gallery, boston, Massachusetts. Wednesday, 8:00p.m., Root Art Center.

10 "Who Shall Eat?" John Sewell, Vice-President, Overseas Development Corporation. Thursday, 8:00 p.m., Bristol Campus Center

Professor Joseph Zwislocki, Syracuse University. Title TBA. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Science Auditorium.

14 Hamilton-Kirkland Journal Club and Sigma XI Lecture: "Excursions in Molecular Symmetry," Professor Robin Kinnel. Monday, 8:00 p.m., Science Auditorium.

15 Root-Jessup Lecture: "Washington Wonderland," James Kilpatrick, nationally syndicated columnist and TV commentator. Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Gymnasium.

21 "Selection of Genotypes Adaptable to Various Environments for Improvement of World Food Production," Professor Foster Cady, Cornell University. Monday, 7:30 p.m., Science Auditorium.

23 Computer Lecture Series: " Computers in the Diagnostic Medical Laboratory," Allen Pusch, M.D., Upstate Medical Center. Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Science Auditorium.

28 Hamilton-Kirkland Journal Club and Sigma XI Lecture: "General Relativity and Cosmology," Professor Philip M. Pearle. Monday, 8:00 p.m., Science Auditorium.

May

7 "Bangladesh Today," Professor Harold Turner, Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute. Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Chemistry Auditorium.

9 "Alternate Tuning Systems in the Eighteenth Century," Fritz Noack, President of the Noack Organ Company. Friday, 4:00 p.m., Root Art Center.

Ambassador Armin H. Meyer

Senator Thomas Eagleton

Pre-Med Advising Here Allegedly Too Little, Too Late

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66.7 per cent were either A or B, 22.2 per cent A, and 44.5 per cent B. Over 85 per cent of all grades at Amherst were either A or B, 30 per cent A, and 55 per cent B.

"Those few percentage points make a big difference to medical schools," said Bob Evans '75, another pre-med.

Schneider said he is presently working on a Curriculum Committee proposal "whereby grades given out by professors, when places on transcripts, would be modified to compete with more competitive standards."

"I don't think anything should be done towards grade modification," said Kinnel, who views such a proposal as "an instant gratification type of solution which would hurt us in the long run . . . [because] it is dishonest."

"My response, is that it is more unethical to subject Hamilton students to grading standards that are so much harsher than those at other schools,"Schneider said. "What is dishonest is to say that our grades are fair."

"The places where our system is known well and where we do best – Syracuse, Buffalo, and Rochester – they know what it means when we graduate a man with an 85 or 90 average," said Kinnel.

Despite the fact that Kinnel said that most schools "do recognize Hamilton's worth," many pre-meds said that Hamilton is not as well-known by professional schools as it ought to be, given the quality of education that is provided here.

Reputation Blamed

"Our public relations is just bullshit," said Evans. "I think the candidates are qualified, we're just not known outside western New York State. Someone's got to get out and sell our school."

"Half of my interviews were spent just explaining what Hamilton is," said Perelson.

"It's only been recently that there's been any effort towards going out to other schools to publicize Hamilton's quality and to make contacts with alumni who went to various medical schools," said pre-med Dan Cotlowitz.

Many students expressed the feeling that Dean Kinnel deserved credit for his work as chairman of the Pre-Med Evaluation Committee, but they complained that, because of his other responsibilities, Kinnel does not have enough time to devote to what they consider the full time job of organizing public relations and of advising pre-med students.

Kinnel's Workload

"Kinnel's got to be freed of a lot of his responsibilities," said Evans. "He's just bogged down with too much and isn't given ample time to tour the country" to establish favorable rapport with the med schools and to increase what Evans called the "prestige factor which has so much to do with how a school does in placement."

Kinnel, however, said that for a group that involves only 15-25 students, he was capable of handling the situation. "There's been hardly a situation where I haven't have the time to do what I thought was necessary for the pre-meds," he said. Kinnel mentioned a letter which he recently sent to 30 medical schools that he had not visited to let them know about Hamilton, and he also said that he visited six medical schools last fall and plans to visit more this spring.

Compared to Pre-Law

However, in spite of these and other efforts by Kinnel, some students compare him unfavorably to the pre-law advisor, Assistant Professor of History James Traer.

"One reason we do very well in getting guys into Law School is that whenever Traer leaves this campus, he goes to at least one law school and speaks directly to their dean of admissions," said one pre-med.

Another pre-med said,"I'm not too thrilled with Kinnel's attitude. Jim Traer's much more active and enthusiastic and exhibits more interest in your personal case."

Another complaint by some pre-meds is that the college misled them as pre-freshmen and freshmen to believe that anyone with a B-average would be assured admittance to a medical school. However, such complaints are unjustified because, as Dean Kinnel said, "The rules of the game began to change so rapidly."

"Total Deceit"

A legitimate complaint of being misled may indeed exist, however, against the Admissions Office, which according to Director Chris Covert, "spouts statistics in a way to make them more palatable." Although Covert emphatically denies having purposely misled anyone, the Admissions Office last semester was telling pre-freshmen that 60 per cent of last year's applicants were accepted at medical schools. The actual figure, according to Kinnel, is 44 per cent.

"This is total deceit," said Schneider. "I believe that if the applicant pool, in which one-third consider themselves pre-meds, ever found out the real statistics, I seriously doubt whether we would be able to fill our freshman class," said Schneider.

The 60 per cent figure, which is no longer quoted by Admissions was based upon a list compiled by the Career Center last May. The list included five students who said they intended to attend foreign medical schools, a classification which the college does not include in its figures, said Kinnel. A student usually applies to a foreign medical school only after he has been rejected from all possible American medical schools, Kinnel said.

Covert Replies

Covert said that he would not knowingly give out false information. He said that now he is simply telling applicants that, "If you have an 85 average, are in the top third if your class, and have over 600 on your MCAT, then you should get into medical school."

This year's pre-meds said that although Hamilton does not do very well in getting its applicants into med school, the program does leave one very well-prepared for graduate study.

One suggestion to improve the program, and at the same time improve one's credentials for applying to medical school, was expressed by Dan Cotlowitz, who said the program should offer medical and hospital internships during Winter Study as Colgate's program does.

In addition, many pre-meds said the college should provide more continuous counselling, especially with regard to alternative graduate programs.

Second Thoughts

Many pre-meds said that they enjoyed their overall education at Hamilton but felt they would have been much better off at a different school in terms of medical school acceptances.

"If I had to do it over, I wouldn't be here," said Cotlowitz. "I'd probably go to Albany, because I'm pretty sure I'd get higher marks."

"If I were going to go to school again," said Evans, "I'd go to an Ivy League or an affiliated school with a name or with a medical graduate school, and I could have gone to one of those."

"These students know in their hearts and from experience that had they gone to a school of similar academic quality but with more flexible grading standards, they would have gained admission to medical school," Schneider said.

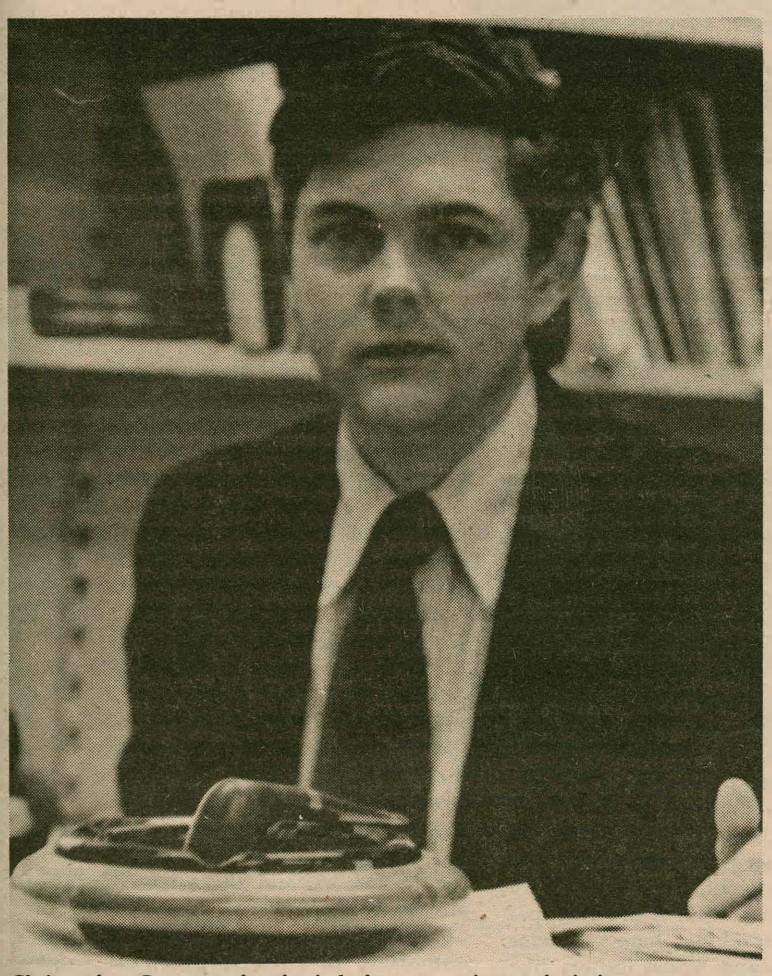
'Sacrifice the Idyllic'

Most pre-med students apparently would agree with the statement by Glenn Perelson:

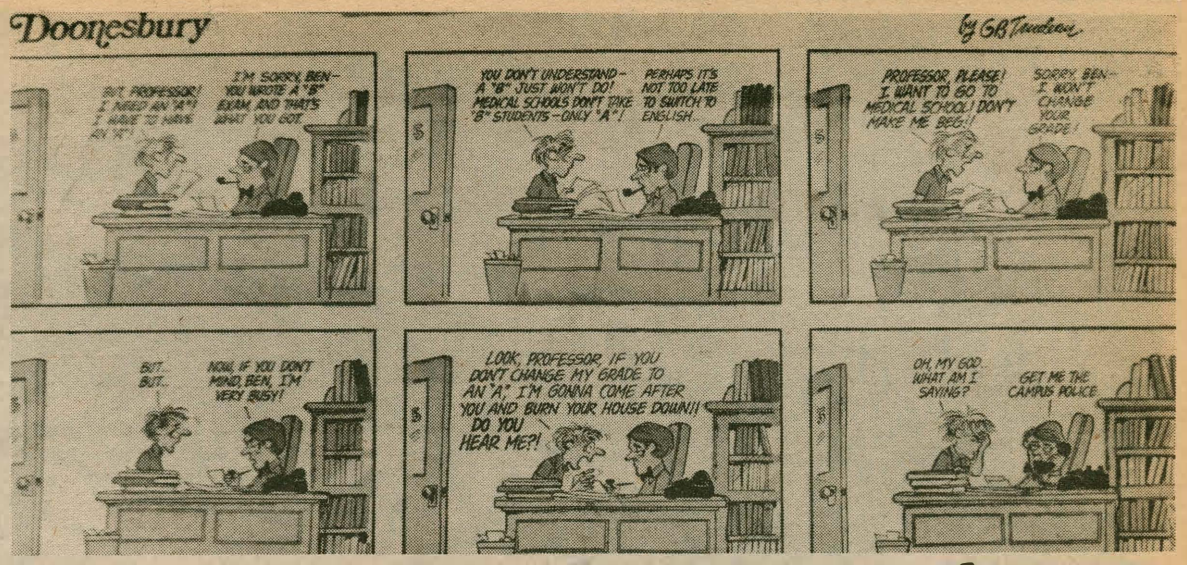
"Unfortunately, I would sacrifice the idyllic existence on the Hill and the homestead glade and glen for something near a 4.0 average...

"Hamilton is not a pre-med school, it's a liberal arts school. Large universities can afford to put a lot of money and resources aside for pre-med programs, but Hamilton can't afford to—and it really shouldn't.

"Because of the way that Hamilton is set up, there's no way it can cater to pre-medical students without sacrificing the high quality of education it provides to other students."



Christopher Covert, who denied charges against Admissions.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by GB Trudeau
BUT, PROFESSOR! I NEED AN "A"! I HAVE TO HAVE AN "A"!
I'M SORRY, BEN— YOU WROTE A "B" EXAM AND THAT'S WHAT YOU GOT.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND— A "B" JUST WON'T DO! MEDICAL SCHOOLS DON'T TAKE "B" STUDENTS—ONLY "A"'s!
PERHAPS IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SWITCH TO ENGLISH.
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SORRY, BEN— I WON'T CHANGE YOUR GRADE!
BUT, BUT...
NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, BEN, I'M VERY BUSY!
LOOK, PROFESSOR IF YOU DON'T CHANGE MY GRADE TO AN "A", I'M GONNA COME AFTER YOU AND BURN YOUR HOUSE DOWN!! DO YOU HEAR ME?!
OH, MY GOD. WHAT AM I SAYING?
GET ME THE CAMPUS POLICE.

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Mrs. Burns to Retire as Cashier

By STEFFI KALMIN

Back when tuition was $400 a semester and Hamilton was the size of Kirkland, Katherine Burns began her job as cashier in the Business Office. That was 18 years ago this month and Mrs. Burns admits she never expected to stay so long. Friday, Feb. 28, she will retire.

"By the mere nature of her job, trust is the greatest attribute when dealing with large amounts of money," said Ronald MacDonald, controller of Hamilton College. "She has done this pleasantly, extremely effectively, and from remarks made by faculty and remaining staff, most courteously."

Since 1957, under four presidents, Mrs. Burns has handled student accounts and all money due to the college. The most obvious change has been the initiation of computers which eliminated the task of doing all the bookkeeping by hand.

"What it amounts to is that everyone is a number," she said. Yet, with the development of Kirkland and the increasing number of Hamilton students, the window keeps her busy. Five and ten dollar checks went a long way 18 years ago. The same $100 check-cashing limit was in effect then, but today it is more frequently taken advantage of.

Humorous Side

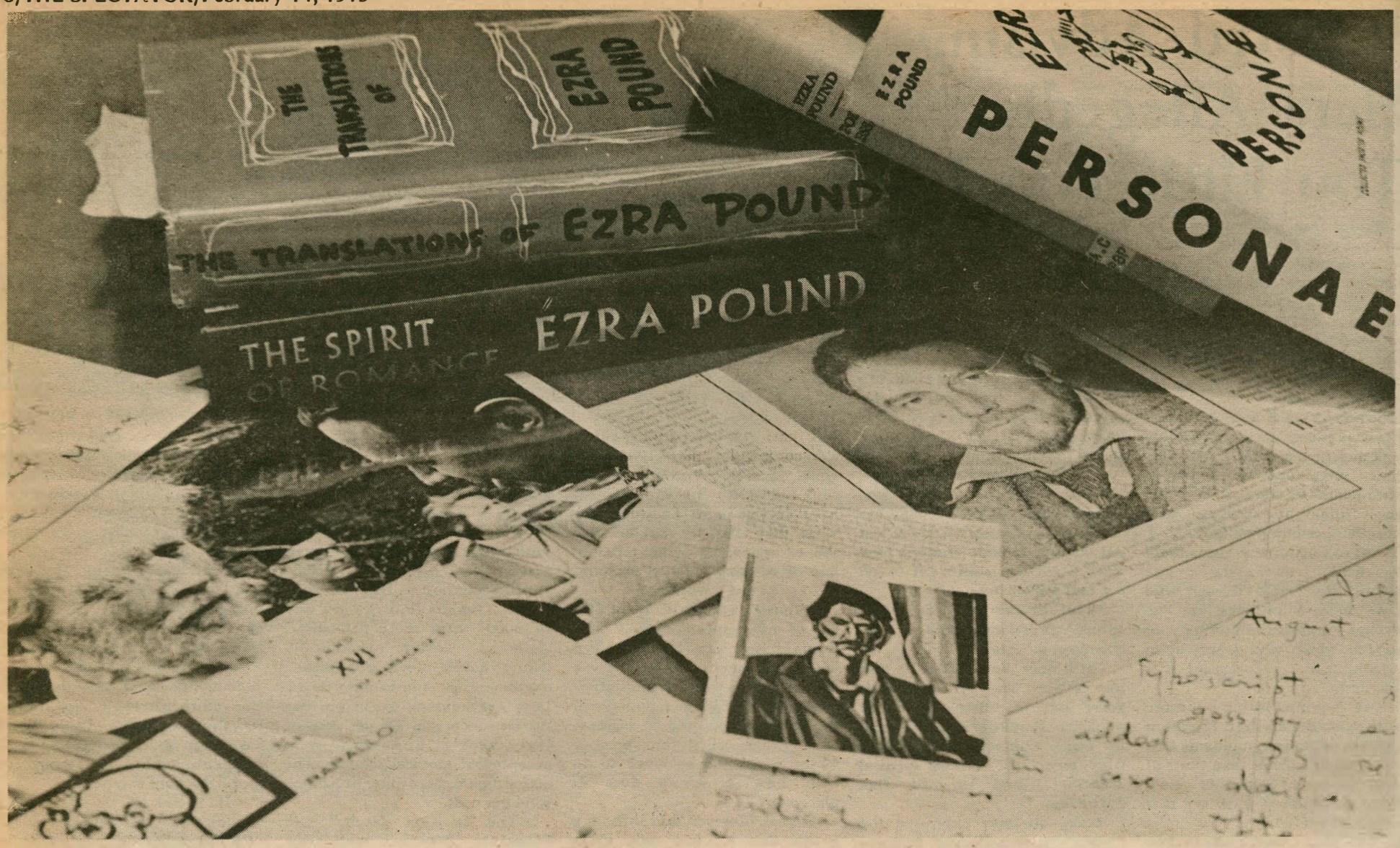
From seeing Mrs. Burns behind the window for the several minutes most students are there, few realize the humerous and human side of the people who work in the business office. The controller, obviously still amused, recalled an incident that is still a source of humor to the rest of the office and a bit of an embarrassment to Mrs. Burns. During an annual audit by outside accountants it was necessary to open a cashbox in the office. While in the ladies room, Mrs. Burns accidently dropped the keys down the toilet. Fortunately, after some confusion, an alternate set of keys was procured and the box was opened. As usual, the cash was perfect.

That, however, is not how she will be remembered. Students describe her as good-natured and helpful. Those who have worked with her would add loyal and dependable, in general and to the colleges. Mrs. Burns did an excellent job in training a substitute when she went on vacations and is doing so now, with Mrs. Beverly Dam, who will acquire her duties in several weeks.

"She will be sorely missed," said MacDonald, expressing a popular sentiment, though students can easily understand her tiring of getting up early each morning.

Modestly, Mrs. Burns joked of trying to quietly fade away, but that apparently will not happen. Mrs. Burns is a resident of Clinton, and many hope that she will remain a frequent visitor to the colleges.

Mrs. Katherine Burns, who retires this month.



Rhetoric and Debate, with Elegance: II

By Peter Sluys

He looked like a poet — now that's worth noting. His camel hair cloak swung over one shoulder, his gold-headed cane, his Einstein hair. He was everyone's image of a poet.

Professor of English Austin Briggs

I am not usually starstruck, but I just had to meet the man and shake hands with him. I looked at his terribly shaking figure, moved up to him and mumbled something about Norman Pierson (his friend and my teacher). He looked me in the eye and said nothing. What an extraordinary mind.

President Samuel F. Babbitt

Ezra Pound walks at sunset, 1969. The expatriate poet returned to the college of his youth, to be admired and gawked at, honored by most, reviled by some. The convocation began late, because Pound was late. When he arrived, he shuffled up the stairs, well pleased at this unexpected honor. After the degree had been conferred, the convocation ended and he was hustled out the side door to avoid the crowds. The second — and last — appearance at Hamilton of the first great genius of modern poetry ended.

Enduring Fame

Professor Briggs believes that it is appropriate that the Hamilton literary tradition's enduring fame rests on Ezra Pound. "He was an Idaho boy who went to an obscure upstate New York school. In a way, he spent his entire early life in a backwater. But out of such isolation has come the greatest of modern literature. Isn't it unlikely that great modern poetry has roots in places like Clinton, Oxford and Dublin — all eighth rate cities, the very least of the capitals of the world? Well, perhaps we're far enough away from fashion to keep from being embroiled by it. At our worst we're hicks, at our best, originals."

"Ezra Pound was an original," according to President Babbitt, "but he was an aberration from almost anything — a genuine genius. He is not Hamilton-grown — just look at his background. What is amazing to me is that he remained at Hamilton. It is a rare compliment for any institution to keep Pound, for he was not an institutional man." If Pound, one of Hamilton's most famous alumni, is not representative of the literary tradition, who or what is?

Perhaps the best answer to that question can be found in the perception of the literary tradition itself, by the men who helped form it.

Emeritus Professor of English George Lyman Nesbitt is ambivalent about the literary tradition. "The English department tries to get students to think clearly and creatively, and to enjoy reading and thinking. That is the principal object of our teaching here." Under Professor Nesbitt and under others like him great writers did not originate at Hamilton, they came here and were nurtured. "The Hamilton students who aspire to write the Great American Novel you can count on the fingers of one hand.

Great Periods

When we get such men here, of course we encourage them. We manage to always keep people writing; our object, particularly in freshman English, is elegance and clarity. Yet, occasionally we have great periods of literary activity. When Professor Jascha Kessler of English was here in the late fifties and early sixties, he was a motive force in Hamilton's literary circle. He held a doctorate from Michigan and wrote a large number of short sotries, which were later collected."

Under Kessler, student writers were worked hard and relentlessly criticized. John Nichols '62, author of "The Sterile Cuckoo" and "The Miligiano Beanfield War", spoke highly of Hamilton, and its effect on his writing.

Nichols said "Alot influenced me. Professors were really open about discussing my work. Kessler was a great help during a period where I wrote a novel a year. He slaughtered my writing, and helped me put it back together. Professors Robert Barnes Rudd, Briggs and Nesbitt were all concerned and creative. Additionally, in my class there were a dozen really great people who were into the arts — we talked alot about our work? they too were a big influence. Max Wiley, a Hamilton alumnus and noted writer, read a draft of "The Sterile Cuckoo" hauled it over the coals, and had a major effect on the novel. These people influenced me the most."

Nichols' first widely hailed work appeared in "the Fuzzy Continental" in 1962. Since then, he has published many stories, his two major novels, and is currently working on a "master novel" concerning every aspect of a town of 15,000 people.

Three men — a "genuine genius", a dedicated professor, and a talented current writer — all contributors and builders of the literary tradition, answer what it is: the literary tradition is a spirit that dominates written creativity on the Hill, and reveals different facets depending on the mood of the world outside Clinton, the professors, and the talented students attending the college. There is no other common link that joins Hamilton's immortals to their insignificant writers, except the spirit that broods over this Hill.

Fading Scotsman

Thus, Clinton Scollard, famous in the nineteenth century, has faded to insignificance today; and even Alexander Woollcott is beginning to disappear. For a while, the impish and impetuous Woollcott will still smile over the campus; but, as the winds of change blow harder, that smile will fade until it disappears entirely.

World War II brought the winds of change to hurricane force, with only the talented and obstreperous President Cowley standing between the college and complete collapse. The "Continental" ceased publication, many fraternities closed down, and the college effectively became a training ground for the Army Air Force. Cowley held on though, and the College and its literary tradition began anew in 1946, when war veterans swelled enrollment in all American colleges.

After the war, a new emphasis began to develop in writing on the Hill, especially among the faculty — teaching would still be supreme, but publication would become more and more of a necessity.

In part III: Prof. Ellis, Carl Carmer, and Prof. Todd study New York; Faculty Publication, and its importance for the future of the Colleges, Kirkland College: a Humanities Department without a Shadow; Alexander Hamilton's Desk.

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New 'Steaknite' Cut: Well Done

By JO-ANN MORT

Four years ago, a winter study project in original musical composition generated what has now become a common household, shall we say dormitory, word – "Steaknite." Fondly remembered as those once a week dining extravaganzas, the word, transformed by four eager musicians, now connotes a musical group, well known to the present Hamilton-Kirkland College Community.

The band, whose members are all seniors, consists of Bob Halligan on electric piano, rhythm guitar, harmonica, and vocals; Jeb Guthry on drums and vocals; Don Fram on guitar, flute, and piano; and Bob Sollinger on bass guitar. Added to this list should be Peter Regan '75, who is the band's roadie, sometimes cook and financier. All of the musicians in the band have been playing their instruments for a span of time which ranges from eight to fourteen years.

In its Hamiltonian lifetime, the band has been transformed from the "Oedipus Complex," which incorporated a brass section consisting of two trumpets, a trombone, and a saxaphone; to a five-piece band plus one Scott Bennet, a Hamilton graduate. Last year, when the members were juniors, the band took on its present form.

Steaknite has been playing at clubs and colleges in the area. They've played at Colgate, Syracuse, and Union, as well as a lot of area high schools. This summer the band lived on campus and concentrated on their music.

All of the members of the band are interested in forms of music other than what would be considered rock 'n roll. Asked to comment on the types of music they listen to in their spare time, and who their musical influences are, the guys in the band deliberate and come up with the following: Halligan listens to a lot of jazz and lists his influences as the Beatles, Stevie Wonder, and Chick Corea. Sollinger also enjoys jazz, listing Stanley Clarke, Chick Corea's bass player as an influence; Fram's list included John McLaughlin, Jimi Hendrix, and Debussy. Guthry's interests are the Beatles, Stevie Wonder, but "mostly classical."

Musical Influences

When asked to list their influences they are a bit unsure of what to say, perhaps because they are reluctant to compare themselves to some of the musical greats. Because the band believes in a lot of jamming in its sets, as the saying goes, we are what we eat, it is fair to list a musician's musical influences just to gain perspective into their own musical directions. It is interesting to see where the musical material comes from, especially when one is talking about rock 'n roll, a term which has come to suggest almost anything.

When arranging their sets, they try to aim for a flexible repertoire. Their basic concern is a "tune that will go over well on the Hill." They enjoy playing for the people on the Hill because they feel it provides them with their most appreciative audience. When they play a club they must cater to top forty taste, but they enjoy gearing their sets to an "FM style", which is more acceptable to college audiences.

In contrast one thinks of the Hill's experiences with big-named, high-priced musicians who dish out nothing but noise and obnoxiousness.

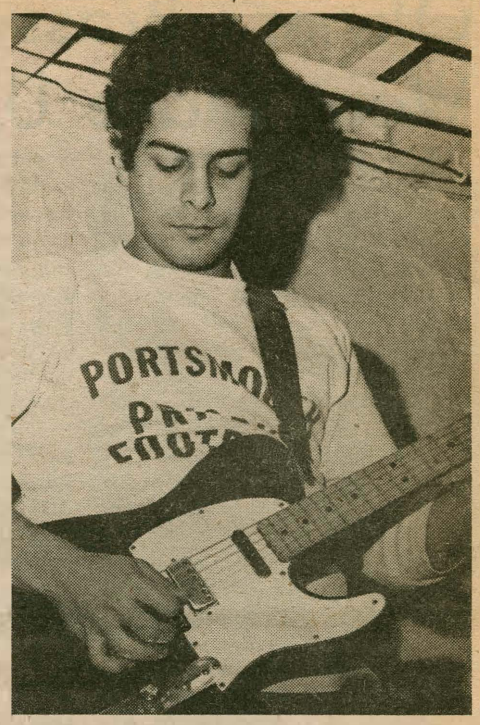
Record Produced

Last Saturday Steaknite, prompted by friends, set out on an independent venture and cut a record. The band had been considering it for a while but felt that they needed that extra urging and support from friends and admirers. One of the members commented that you "need someone to tell you that he thinks you're good enough." Also, considering that the members are all seniors, the record will serve as a nice momento.

There were advance record sales on campus, but the band feels that it received only fifty percent of the support it needed. There are understandable reasons, such as people's reluctance to pay for something they've not heard, but Steaknite is hoping that when the record hours, for a little less than eight minutes of vinyl. The record is a forty-five which includes two of Halligan's songs – "Goin' to Cuba" and "Cinderella Magic Midnite." "Cuba," what the group terms a "rock 'n roll boogy type," is actually a spoof rock 'n roll song, memoralizing the days of the hijacker. "Cinderella," "a more jazz-influenced vocal tune," according to the guys, is a very enjoyable, mellow tune.

The band is eager to continue to play on the Hill. The members of the group are financially committed to paying jobs because of all the time, equipment, and capital which has been invested in the group's total venture.

The future of the band will be dictated by the success of selling their record to a recording company. Who can say what these Hamilton seniors will be doing next year? Whether they pursue jobs in their fields of academic study, or whether they trek out upon the road of a musical career, they are here now for us to enjoy.



Don Fram on lead guitar

Bob Sollinger, bass guitarist

The boys take a break

events

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On Campus This Weekend

Pink Flamingos. Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday at 10:00 p.m. only. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.

Hamlet. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 10:00 p.m. Chemistry Auditorium.

February 18 (Tuesday)

Government Department Film Series: *The Making of the President 1968.* 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. Chemistry Auditorium.

February 20 (Tuesday)

Superman starring George Reeves. 8:00 p.m. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.

Wild One and *Scorpio Rising.* 8:00 p.m. Science Auditorium.

At Nearby Theaters

Cannonball (853-5553) *Harry and Tonto* (R)

Cinema Theater-New Hartford (736-0081) *Murder on the Orient Express* (PG)

Cinema Theaters-Riverside Mall *Towering Inferno* (PG) *Airport 1975* (PG) *Young Frankenstein* (R) Paris (733-2730) *Freebie and the Bean*

MUSIC AND DANCE

February 14 (Friday)

Interfaith Benefit. *Mardi Gras Dance to Dixieland.* 9:00 p.m. Bundy Dining Hall.

February 18 (Tuesday)

Concert: Joy Blackett, mezzo-soprano, Marcia Thompson, violinist, and Linda Hall, pianist. 8:30 p.m. Chapel.

LECTURE AND DISCUSSION

February 16 (Sunday)

Lecture: Joseph Butler, Director of Sleepy Hollows Restorations. *American Furniture of the 19th Century.* 8:00 p.m. Bristol Campus Center Lounges.

Lecture: Dr. Langdon Golkey, Professor of Theology, University of Chicago Divinity School. *The Religious Dimension of Political Experience.* 8:00 p.m. Chapel.

February 17 (Monday)

Coffee hour with Dr Langdon Gilkey. 10:00 a.m. Bristol Campus Center Davis Lounge.

Kirkland College Assembly Meeting. 3:30 p.m. Red Pit.

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Lecture: Ambassador Armin Meyer. *Behind Kissinger's Step-by-step Approach in the Middle East.* 8:00 p.m. Chapel.

February 18 (Tuesday)

Kirkland College Special Interest Housing. 7:00 p.m. Red Pit.

February 19 (Wednesday)

Ceramics Lecture: Mr. John Fresenda. 8:00 p.m. List Art Center.

Introductory Lecture. Student International Meditation Society. 7:30 p.m. Kirner-Johnson 220.

February 20 (Thursday)

Juggling Professional and Private Lives. Armin H. Meyer, Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Iran, and Lebanon, and his wife Alice James Meyer, former reporter and society editor for the Washington Times Herald and the Washington Evening Star. 8:00 p.m. Kirner-Johnson 220.

Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Lecture. Martin Kilson, Harvard University Professor of Government. *New Ethnicity in American Life.* 8:00 p.m. Chapel.

Watermark Poetry Reading. Marie Harris, Coordinator or the Poetry in the Schools Program–New Hampshire. 8:30 p.m. Red Pit.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

February 15 (Saturday)

Newman Mass. Father Paul Drobin. 5:30 p.m. Red Pit.

February 16 (Sunday)

Newman Mass. Father Paul Drobin. 9:30 a.m. Chapel.

Free Church of Clinton. Dr. Langdon Gilkey, Professor of Theology, University of Chicago Divinity School. 11:15 a.m. Chapel.

February 17 (Monday)

Christian Fellowship Meeting. 8:00 p.m. Milbank 36.

February 19 (Wednesday)

Newman Mass. Father Paul Drobin. 4:45 p.m. Chapel.

February 20 (Thursday)

Christian Science College Organization. 4:15 p.m. Bristol Campus Center Backus Room.

EXHIBITIONS

Currently on Campus

Ceramics by John Fresneda, Martin Bjurlin and David MacDonald. List Art Center (Closes February 20)

Early 20th Century American Realists. Prints, Drawings and Water Colors from the Yale University Art Gallery. Root Art Center (Closes February 16).

Afro-Images. Paintings by Jack White. 8:00 p.m. Bristol Campus Center Lounges.

Olivier's Brassy Hamlet Won't Make Up Mind

By PETER SOMMER

Sir Lawrence Olivier's dressed-up film version of "Hamlet" is big, bold, and brassy. It will give a healthy jolt to anyone who goes to it expecting a boring classic. It will do no permanent harm to the author's reputation.

I am not at all sure that such plays as "Hamlet" can be translated into films of comparable power. But if it is possible, then it can be done only by a director who is himself enough of a genius and enough of a revolutionary to disregard all the conventions either of film-making or of producing Shakespeare.

Mr. Olivier is not such a director. As a movie, this "Hamlet" is a disappointment - particularly in contrast to the same director's "Henry V", which was exciting as a movie.

Part of the trouble - maybe most of it - is in the idiom itself. Paul Dehn has suggested that when Orson ("Citizen Kane") Welles presents his "Macbeth" it will be a "Citizen Thane"; but he should have gone on to point out how much Olivier's "Hamlet" owes to Welles' first and greatest picture.

From the opening music, through the shots of smoke leaving a cannon's mouth, to the panoramic funeral ending, the vocabulary of the British film can be timed to the foreign accents of an American predecessor. Pan-focus, which details background and foreground with the same clarity and which Welles first made fashionable in Hollywood, is used to show us Hamlet and behind him his uncle at the far end of the council table.

The sharp contrasts of black against white are again reminiscent of Welles but suggest in addition that the idiom has been broadened and is now journalistic. Perhaps the reason is that this production is more a lavishly illustrated version of "Hamlet" than a movie – a kind of Life magazine goes to Elsinore."

Isolation

The characters are isolated from one another. Each individual does not seem to have been introduced to the other members of the cast. Norman Wooland, as Horatio, is a virtuous and personable gentleman, but his friendship with Hamlet is like that of a frat brother.

It is the camera that isolates them, a camera that wanders ceaselessly down draughty corridors, trying to connect one isolated scene with another through its constant motion. It has a neurotic habit of moving in atoa scene and then drawing back, as with the King and Laertes in their plotting, an effect that may be intended to induce indecision in the audience as well as the central character.

Another cause of confusion may be that Elsinore, as erected at Denham Studios, can exist only in the mind's eye. The audience, following the camera down those halls and stairs and battlements, is led to suppose a definite geography; the trouble is that the geography doesn't make sense.

There was no real floor plan to the castles; at any rate I wasn't able to sketch one. Ophelia's room connects with a long corridor (it connects with the same corridor whichever door you go out), which connects with a council chamber, which connects with the graveyard. That makes one unit. The large hall, in which the play and the duel take place, cannot be related to it, however.

The castle is isolated in an imaginary landscape, being itself imaginary, and the characters react in the only way possible – by pretending that they are on a stage, cut off from each other for the sake of an audience they cannot see. This, as film, can be fatal.

An Inward Tragedy

Roger Furse served as the production's architect. His interest, understandably, is the camera. He would be in the wrong if it were not. Transferring the drama to a different medium, he is bound to have thought in terms of close-ups, long shots, fade-outs, and all those supposedly liberating technical devices which the screen enjoys and the stage does not. His problem, a sizable one, is external. It has been to find an outward form for an inward tragedy.

Almost inevitably, Mr. Furse's problem becomes not only Olivier's but ours, too. The final "Hamlet", if there be such a thing, exists in the mind and achieves its most satisfying visualization in the mind's eye. What Shakespeare wanted to say, he said in his uncut text.

Yet the film needlessly loses much that is valuable because of the swollen dimensions of Mr. Furse's Elsinore. The paradox is that the screen text finds itself confined instead of freed by the very space now at its disposal.

Even though "Hamlet" is compressed and dismembered, the results could be incomparable. But to sacrifice great language for meaningless pantomime; to dispense with complexity and innuendo in favor of camera angles; and to lose key speeches, characters, or scenes merely because so much time is wasted getting the actors from one part of the castle to another, is to create a "Hamlet" which is dislocated by being on location.

Cuts

The film's cuts are not in every instance wise or logical even in view of the camera's needs. The transposition of "To be or no to be" until after Hamlet's scene with Ophelia, does not, I suppose, really matter. But, surely, the Fortinbras sub-plot and the scene of Hamlet's embarkation for England, in addition to contributing to our understanding of the prince, are comprised of ideal stuffs for the movies.

And certainly it makes little sense to have the First Player express his willingness to learn a "speech of some dozen or sixteen lines" for the play-within-the-play and then have that play acted entirely in dumb-show.

Conditioned

In short, the film is as conditioned in its physical movements (hence in the scope of the text it uses) by Mr. Furse's ungainly setting as we are in our daily living by the blueprints of our architects.

These are directors' problems, which regrettably I must lay at Olivier's feet. I will say only that he plays the lead well.

There is a disproportion, however, in the balance between director and main actor whenever they are joined in the strong personality of one man. John Grierson insisted that Charles Laughton should never be allowed to direct his own films, and I am inclined to think that the same applies to Olivier. His is the character that deserves the close-ups, of course, but he brings the camera to bear at least once too often on his own face, from every angle and profile (including upside-down and even magnified and out-of-focus to the muffled heartbeats that precede the coming of the ghost.

He has aimed for clarity, but the spoken moral with which he carefully opens the film – "This is the tragedy of a man who could not make up his mind." – may have to stand as a comment on this movie itself. What we all forget so easily is that film, however much it has been vulgarized, has standards of its own.

Which reminds me, "Pink Flamingos" is on campus this weekend.

Marcus Thompson, violist, Linda Hall, pianist, and Joy Blackett, mezzo-soprano, will be featured in a concert at the Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 8:30 p.m.

Art Caucus Created

By SUSAN MALKIN

A group of about 25 Kirkland women met Wednesday to form a student caucus within the Arts Division to improve communications among art students, division faculty, and the administration.

Margaret Klenck and Anne Warren, organizers of the meeting, said they were trying to form a "generative group" rather than a sounding board for complaints.

The group's primary purposes, as stated in a recent memorandum to art students, are to promote more student input in the decision making and policy formation processes within the division, and to discuss common needs of women students of the arts.

Students at the meeting cited the need for a cohesive group which will represent the needs of art students to the faculty. A sentiment often expressed was that one-to-one confrontations with the faculty often resulted in "the student getting her throat cut." Furthermore, students felt that they had no outlet for individual complaints against faculty members since faculty members tended either to support one another or refuse to interfere.

A number of students expressed concern about the fragmentation of the division. They said they feared the lack of cohesion and would like more togetherness within the division.

Students also said the Arts Division was becoming too "arts appreciation" oriented and was becoming blended with the rest of the liberal arts education.

One student described the art co-op as a half-assed organization. Possibilities for expanding it to include dance and other departments were discussed.

Students also expressed the desire to create a lounge where students and faculty could meet informally.

The need for more student input into the art exhibits and concerts was a common concern of the group. They felt that the women's role in arts was not being reflected in these exhibits.

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Humane Society Cites Inexperience And Apathy

By MARY BARSTOW

The Humane Society has attracted criticism because of problems with unregistered animals, animals in non-animal dorms, dining halls, and classrooms, and resulting annoyance and inconvenience they cause. Chairman Phil Hayes cited inexperience within the Society's ranks and community uncooperativeness as the primary sources of the problems.

Hayes attributed a portion of last semester's difficulties to his "lack of experience." He said that the withdrawal of Robin Hall as head of the society had caused a rough transition; that neither he nor former co-chairman Linda MacKenzie was fully prepared to assume a leadership position.

He added that with a semester's experience behind him he is "more aware" and hopes that he and new co-chairman Alexandra Coursen can improve the efficiency of the society.

Hayes pointed to lack of cooperation and interest on the part of students as another major problem. Both he and Coursen view the society's regulations as "difficult to enforce" and believe this difficulty is compounded by the apathetic and non-cooperative attitudes.

Hard to Tattle

The problems of unregistered animals and animals in non-animal dorms are difficult to solve, said Hayes, because students are reluctant to "tattle" in such cases. He reported that the society went through all dorms last semester to check for violations, but met with unresponsivenes and a refusal to acknowledge the presence of such animals.

"It is tough to act like a gestapo," he added.

Disrupt Classes

The presence of animals in buildings other than dorms is also a problem. According to Hayes, people, concerned for the animals, let them into these buildings, where they disrupt classes and meals. He said, "the humane thing to do is not to let the animal in the building." Coursen stated that consideration for humans should come before consideration for animals.

Hayes also said that when a complaint of this nature is lodged, it is difficult to act on because owners disclaim liability. They say that they cannot be held responsible when someone else lets their pet into a building.

Few complaints

Hayes said that few complaints are received and that the majority of these are made by members of the faculty or administration. He commented that this may be due in part to students being unaware of how to lodge a complaint.

Outlining the Society's plans for the present semester, Hayes said that a better-planned registration procedure would be put into effect. Registration will be held in McEwen Coffeehouse on two Sundays—Feb. 16 and 23—from noon till 6:00 p.m. Rules regarding the necessary shots will be rigidly enforced, said Hayes.

January in U.S.S.R. Exposed Students to Soviet Life

By BOB GRIEVES

Leningrad, Moscow, Tblisi, and Kiev highlighted the four-week tour of the Soviet Union 27 Hamilton and Kirkland students — this reporter among them — were treated to in January.

The program, a Winter Study course under the direction of Professors Michael H. Haltzel and David Young, this year excluded trips to the central Asian Cities and added an extra Soviet republic so that the students visited four — instead of three — republics.

Students on the trip were pleased with the extra time in each city and the increased contact with Soviet citizens such visits permitted.

Haltzel termed the trip " a thoroughly successful Winter Study" and said that "the students managed to combine serious inquiry with having a good time." Haltzel, describing the Soviet Union as a complex country, also said that "the trip adds a dimension you can't get in the classroom. Young termed the trip "even more successful than the last one," adding that "the success of this program varies in direct proportion to the contact students have with Soviet citizens."

Soviet Exposure

Students on the trip were exposed to the official Soviet "party line" from a variety of sources. Four students and Haltzel discussed current affairs with members of the U.S.A. Institute, a highly prestigious Moscow-based government agency which studies all aspects of life in America and which boasts Kosygin's daughter among its staff.

At the Institute, Hill students also spoke to one of Brezhnev's advisors who had attended the recent summit conference with President Ford in Vladivostock.

The group encountered a dramatic exhibition of the Soviet "hard line" at the University of Kiev where a journalist and a professor of languages, ostensibly in the interests of an open discussion, delivered seemingly long tirades against what they viewed as blatant imperialistic policies and domestic economic exploitation pursued by the United States.

Students from Hamilton-Kirkland, St. Louis University and San Jose State University broke into laughter several times at the simplistic arguments outlined by the two hosts. Haltzel, elected as one of two representatives for the American contigent, countered the Soviet arguments, eventually causing the journalist to lose his self-control and make an early exit.

In Moscow, approximately 15 students and both professors attended a meeting with three members of the Committee of Youth Organizations of the U.S.S.R., one of whom had participated in the 1972 Soviet-American debate held at Hamilton. The Committee coordinates the activities of over 150 Soviet youth organizations, one of which is Komsomol, the Communist organization which recruits university students. The Hamilton- Kirkland group, not surprisingly, found that the Party exerts a strong influence over all youth organizations in the Soviet Union.

The group also visited the American Embassy in Moscow, where Melvin Levitsky, a political officer, discussed the channels of communications and the groups within the Soviet Union upon which the American Embassy relies for information and the changes which the Voice of America and BBC radio broadcasts have made on Soviet society.

Border Incident

The students experienced a graphic example of the Soviet system in action on the return train trip from Leningrad to Helsinki, when the train was stopped before reaching the Finnish border at 2:00 a.m. for the usual Soviet customs inspection. Soviet troops and customs agents rifled through suitcases, wallets and handbags, asked a few Hamilton students to strip to their shorts and generally behaved belligerently.

Helsinki, Finland provided the group with an opportunity for open discussion of Soviet life during which each member of the group presented an oral resume of his project. Lively discussion followed almost every report. The Hamilton and Kirkland students also steeped themselves in various aspects of Finnish culture. They were treated to seminars on Finnish history and politics at Helsinki University by two eminent Finnish historians, one of whom was formerly a senior government official. On separate days in Helsinki, males and females of the group experienced the hellish delights of the Finnish sauna, followed by a frigid plunge into the Gulf of Finland.

Valia, the attractive Intourist guide who steered the Hill group through the labyrinth of bureaucracy in every Soviet city, added a considerable amount of interest and enjoyment to the trip. All agreed that her card playing abilities and professional cool under fire [Clarke McGuire and Steve Percy] helped to make the trip successful.

Soviet Jewry

Several students visited synagogues in Leningrad and Moscow and found that although Jewish communities in both cities are harassed by authorities, they cling resolutely to the ways of their faith. Another group of Hill students visited the Moscow apartment of celebrated art collector George Costakis, who lectured at Hamilton with paintings and slides from his collection in October, 1973.

A Georgian Godfather

A few members of the group found themselves among elements of the Georgian "Mafia" in Tbilisi, and just barely prevented the sale of Kathy Grover to the leader of the gangsters for 400 rubles.

Bruce Wrigley and Bruce Lieberman sent out their laundry to Tallinn and found it returned to them addressed to "Mr. Hamilton and Mr. College".

Some members of the group smuggles "doughbags", a Georgian gastronomic delicacy, on board several of the Aeroflot (Soviet airlines) planes in case the unusual takeoffs and landings required air sickness apparatus.

Several students found Bob and Sergei, two university students in Leningrad, always ready to take them to an ice cream parlor or to the Leningrad airport, where they spent hours of fun.

Repression 'Worse'

Professor Young observed that although the economic situation of the average Soviet citizen has improved from his last visit, political repression has grown worse as the government seeks to control its population while opening the country to the technology and culture of the West. Haltzel commented, "While individual Soviet citizens seem marginally less afraid of foreigners, there still exists a good deel of fear in Soviet society and the intellectual climate is still repressive by Western standards."

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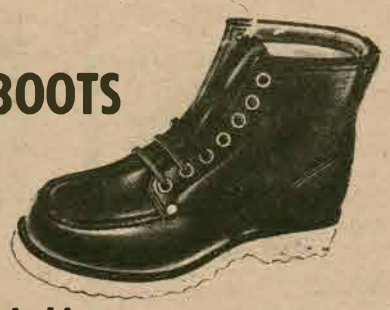

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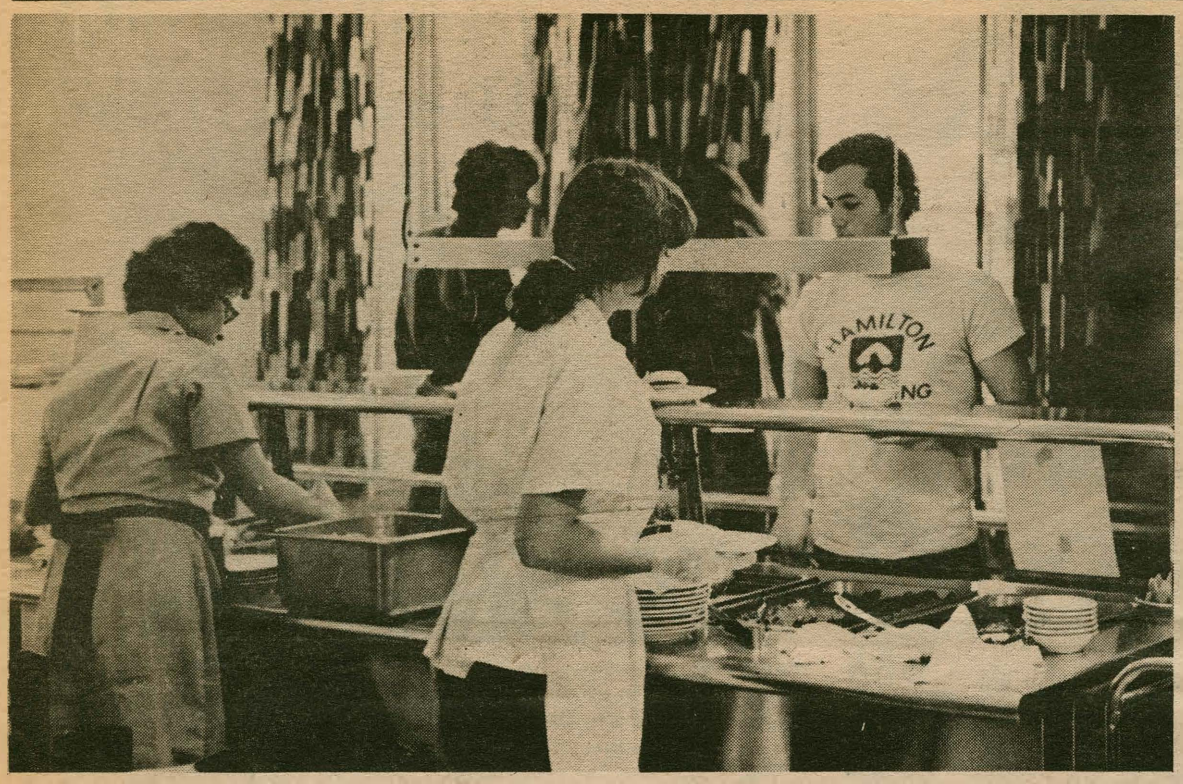

Negotiations Have Begun With Alternative Food Service Firms

By GUY ARCIDIACONO

Hamilton Dean of Students R. Gordon Bingham confirmed this week that the colleges are entertaining bids from other food service companies besides Service Systems, which now serves college food.

Talks with four companies—Saga, Interstate, United, and Greyhound—are now on. Dean Bingham said, however, that no decision has yet been made.

"We try to get the best contract for the students that we can," Bingham said. He called the negotiations with the four firms "a smart business practice."

Bingham also said the colleges are exploring the possibilities of varied meal plans that could be offered as options to the students. He said that students might be able to choose any ten meals to go to, or some similar plan.

Ann Martin, Service Systems director for the Hill, said she "foresees no change" in the current arrangement, but added that the colleges must decide "what they want, and what they are willing to pay for."

Bundy Loses

In discussing ways to cut costs, Martin pointed out that "We've always suggested that Bundy be closed" (Bundy is currently operating at a deficit). Dean Bingham said, however, that the school is not "entertaining the thought of closing Bundy." Both Bingham and Martin refused to estimate the increase in cost to students next year, but Martin pointed out that the current rate of inflation in food prices is nine per cent.

Among the other suggested changes is one which would limit the choice of entrees to one. In Bingham's words, "Institutional food is not going to be like mother used to make," and therefore stressed the importance of both choice and unlimited portions. Martin agreed: "If a student has to eat in a cafeteria, a choice of entrees is very important."

Production Gears

In reference to plans used at other schools, Martin was quick to explain that what works at one school might not work at another. One problem with varied meal plans is the difficulties they might present in planning meals. Currently, Service Systems plans according to the expected demand for certain dishes. "People set themselves into patterns—that is how we gear our production." Martin said, "I eat most of my meals here—we try to make sure that the quality is consistent."

Bingham will meet with students in the next few days to sample opinion on various suggestions for changes in the meal plan as it exists. With regard to costs, Bingham referred to the "double digit" rate of inflation, and added that it is "obvious that costs will have to rise."

Teak Rejoins TKE

By THOMAS BECK

Teak is planning to rejoin the national Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity, after more than five years of independence. A roll-call vote of the house's members, taken last December, produced a 24-3 margin in favor of reaffiliating, with three abstentions.

The Alpha Iota chapter will be revived in March, according to Peter Sluys '75, acting president of Teak, although there is some question as to whether or not Teak will have enough members to qualify for national affiliation.

For the past two years, the leadership of Teak has been seeking reaffiliation, and has also been looking for a new fraternity house. Teak had hoped to lease the Wallace House, located between Psi U and Bristol but negotiations with the college proved to be abortive when the fraternity was unable to come up with required guarantees for the lease.

There have been several problems within Teak recently. Six members have resigned. Sluys said, however, that the difficulties were due principally to disagreement about whether Teak should reaffiliate and about the Wallace House failure.

"Unfortunately, through the oversight of myself and several members of the house, we failed to renew our alumni connections beginning in 1973," he said. "Had we done this, I am confident the Wallace House would have been ours today. All these problems would have been solved."

However, Peter Bayer '75, who was against rejoining the national TKE, said "I liked Teak because it was unaffiliated. You joined because you liked the other members. It was small, individualistic." He said he liked the diversity of lifestyles within the house. He also said that at the time reaffiliation was being considered "the national sent us some very unimpressive representatives."

Bayer said the fight over the Wallace House had led to a change for the worse within Teak: "It was impossible to get a house at this time, and we channeled all our energies into getting one, and we got very sensitive and paranoid about the subject, to the point where diversity was not tolerated." Sluys discounted complaints about his leadership. He said the main problem was disagreement between those who wanted a national fraternity and those who wanted a social club. He said he was "very frustrated" over the reaffiliation fight and the failure to lease the Wallace House.

The elections for new officers, normally held in April, will take place Feb. 18, to allow time for the Juniors to "learn leadership," according to Sluys.

Problem Solvers?

"The only leadership that will be able to solve any problems we may have is leadership that was not involved in the fight for reaffiliation," Sluys said.

He also said that reaffiliation is the best thing for Teak and that the house is in "excellent financial shape."

Undergraduate members will have to pay $60 and seniors $35 this year for national membership dues. In the future, members will pay a $15 pledge fee and an $85 initiation fee. This year, a special house fund will underwrite all these fees for any member with a scholarship greater than $800, and will cover half these fees for the remaining members.

Kirkland Now Seeking Residence Director

A job description for the temporary position of acting director of residence at Kirkland has been distributed to faculty and staff, said Jane Poller, dean of students. The position was left open last week when President Babbitt gave former Assistant Dean of Students Linda Patrick an administrative leave with no option to return.

According to a draft of the description, responsibilities will include organization and administrative detail involving student housing, meal plans, and related committee advising. Sensitivity to needs of Kirkland students and the ability to relate well to them are additional requirements.

It will be a half-time position beginning early in March and ending June 30. Poller said the college may also hire two faculty spouses to help with specific projects, such as staffing for the student advisory interview panels.

Poller said job descriptions have also been posted in prominent places where students will see them, in order to advertise the opening more thoroughly.

The search that selected Patrick last spring and summer "couldn't have been more democratic," said Poller. There was considerable student input, she said, and of the candidates appraised, Patrick was the first choice "almost with no exception."

Until a replacement for Patrick is found, other members of the Dean of Students Office have assumed her duties. Cynthia Allen, a counselor in the office, has taken over the job of writing recommendations. Poller will sit on the Publications Board, William Jamison, director of institutional affairs, will handle food and auxillary divisions, and Assistant Secretary Winifred Haslem will be assuming extra secretarial responsibilities.

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Hill Financial Aid Programs To Undergo Major Revisions

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Under the CSS guidelines parental contribution will be decreased by approximately $700-800. In addition, some students whose parental income presently makes them ineligible for financial aid will now be eligible to receive aid.

CSS felt they had been "ripping off students in the past" and "wished to be more realistic, demonstrating the true needs of the college student," said Kogut.

Ivy Proposal

Meanwhile, a group of Ivy League Colleges, which regularly reviews CSS recommendations, has found CSS standards financially unfeasible for colleges. They have issued their own set of guidelines, substantially increasing the amount parents are expected to contribute to the student's education.

However, HEW has deemed both the CSS and Ivy League curves unacceptable, and will not accept either of these as basis for their grants, said Kogut. They are expected to issue a set of recommendations which will increase parental contribution over the CSS guidelines, said Kogut, who heard it "unofficially through the grapevine." The new guidelines will be published in the Federal Register.

If the colleges are to accept the HEW funding, they must adopt their guidelines in determining financial aid. HEW supplies approximately one third of Kirkland's financial aid funds and approximately 15-20 percent of Hamilton's funds. Until this year, these guidelines have been the same as CSS guidelines.

The colleges will probably conform to the HEW guidelines when they are published, but Kogut doubts they will be able to follow CSS. Further, since the HEW requires all colleges accepting their funding to conform to their standards as a minimum guideline in determining parental contribution, the colleges would lose their funding if they were to conform to the CSS lower recommendations.

Local Discretion

Although the colleges have in the past followed CSS and HEW guidelines in administering financial aid, they have excercised "local discretion", said Kogut. For example, if the Office of Education recommends that parental contribution be $1000, the college can charge $1200. However, the college cannot charge any amount lower than $1000 to safeguard against "buying students," said Kogut.

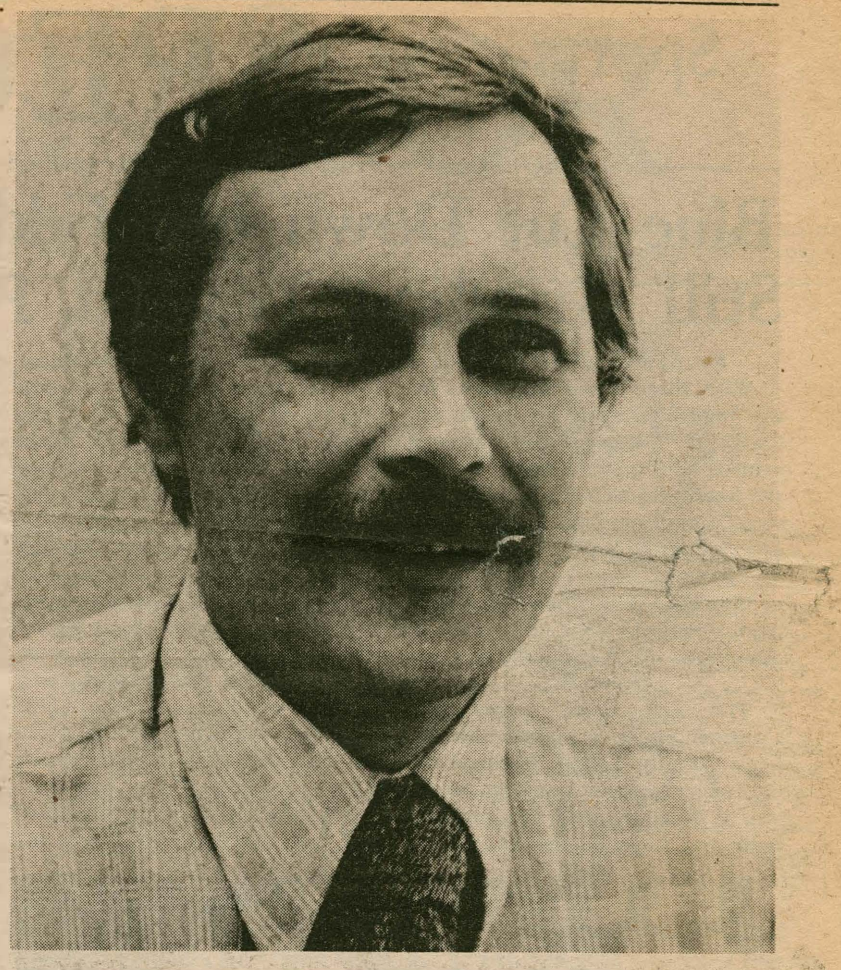
Although the decrease in expected student support and the increase in college costs will mean harder times financially for the colleges, according to Kogut, "we do not intend to have financial aid sway choice in admission.

"We want to provide the money so that the student can choose the institution on the basis of the education available," he said.

Money Shortage

However, Kogut did admit that with the shortage of money, many admitted students may not be offered aid. He said he realized that offering admission to a student who can't afford to pay, may mean in many cases that the student could not attend.

Financial aid waiting lists are a possibility, Kogut said. When financial aid funds were exhausted, an admitted student could be placed on a waiting list, and if and when funds became available, that student would be offered aid.



Ken Kogut is concerned about future of financial aid.

Leaves of Absence Reap Empty Beds

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represents may amount to a staggering $98,900.

Patrick said there are usually more empty beds spring term than fall, but added it was somewhat difficult to interpret the doubling of empty beds from last year. The economy may have something to do with the situation as students take semesters off to work or go to a college closer to home, Patrick said.

Bingham attributed an increase in empty beds at Hamilton during the last two years to the let-up in the draft. He said the timing of students' leaves is unpredictable but that the majority of students plan to and eventually return to Hamilton.

Absences

Leaves of absence at both schools necessitate reserving some living space for students who may return. Patrick said that there were thirty people who said they weren't coming back and did or vice-versa. She said, "Certain insensitivity and lack of concern of some students" in informing the Dean of Students' office has caused much of the confusion in her office.

During the month of January, the Kirkland Dean of Students office made over 200 room changes Patrick said. Half of those were for people on campus. The remainder of the changes consisted of students leaving or returning to Kirkland. According to Patrick the priorities she set for granting room changes gave upperclassmen first choice, although she estimated that over 90 per cent of those who requested room changes received them.

Committee Considers Tenure; Probationary Terms Sought

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committee has yet to come to grips with a retroactive policy, but he expects that the committee will devise some plan by the time they are expected to give their report to the faculty and President Carovano in March.

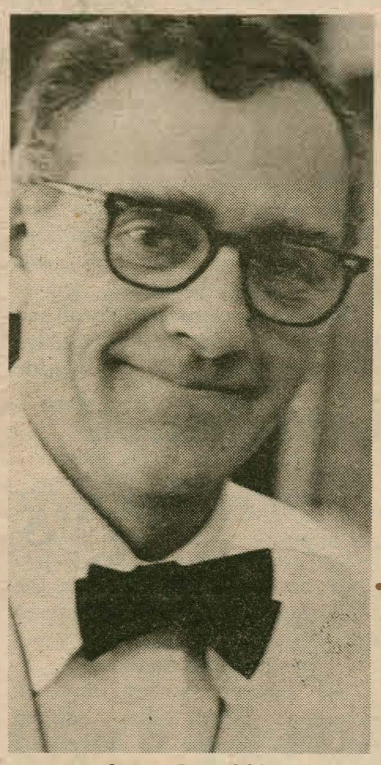
O'Neill said he did not know whether or not the future tenure policy would be included in the same document along with a retroactive tenure policy, but he conceded that it will be easier to get the faculty to agree on a policy for future appointments than it will be to get them to agree on a retroactive policy.

According to Potter, any quotas based on the types of appointments now being considered, on age, or on other factors will be left up to the administration, each department chairman and the Committee on Appointments when a vacancy occurs within a department.

Allen stated that he feels that the Adminstration has been concerned about having a continuous stream of retirements" which would require an even distribution of ages.

Stressing that he was only speculating, Allen said that his impression has been that the administration is concerned about its flexibility in the future in terms of a possible smaller pool of applicants. Confronted with such a situation, the college may want to decrease the size of some departments, he said.

Term appointments could also lead to less concern for teaching and more concern for research because good publications records are better than good teaching records, said Allen. He added that people on a term appointment



Professor Donald Potter

"will make less of an investment in the college,"—citing as examples their work on committees, and attempts to acquire grants, and to improve facilities.

Two people on competitive probationary appointments with a department will both have an incentive to leave because of the uncertainty of their situation, Allen held. In addition, Allen said that competitive probation may have a "deleterious effect between people" within a department.

According to Potter, the new proposal "will make explicit what has been going on all the time here, except we will have more machinery to determine the nature of appointments." He said that he foresees "no radical change in the make-up of this faculty."

The proposed guidelines calling for the three types of appointments would allow an institutional consideration like age to be taken into account by the administration "through the back door," said Allen, to maintain a "continuous stream of retirements."

Allen Sees Problem

Allen said he foresaw problems with term appointments because a person confronted with a choice of a limited term appointment or a tenurable position would most likely choose the latter, thus placing Hamilton at a disadvantage in terms of acquiring good faculty. Allen noted however that the committee felt that there should be as few term appointments as possible.

Allen said that he has felt a desire on the part of the administration in dealing with questions of tenure to lessen individual concerns—good teaching, scholarly work, etc.—in favor of institutional concerns—such as age distribution.

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Sports **SPECTATOR** Sports

Blue Cut Down by Middlebury 4-2 Still Grinding Toward Playoff Berth

By STEVE HAWEELI

With three remaining games in the regular season, the Hamilton College hockey team seems assured of a playoff berth. One of the better teams in Division II this year, Hamilton has suffered two key defeats to both Bowdoin and Middlebury, accounting for four of their six losses. The other losses were against two Division I opponents UVM and Colgate.

Home Ice

The last three games the Continentals have played have all been at the Sage Rink. Last Saturday Weslyan came to town, and it was apparent that neither team was eager to play the game. Weslyan is a Division III opponent and as expected they weren't much of a match for the Continentals, losing 5-0. Tom Griffith, Bob Bauer, Lenny Thomas, Phil Hildebrand, and George Gillmore scored for Hamilton and Shawn George registered yet another shutout.

Two days later Middlebury travelled to Clinton to test the Continentals. The Panthers were up to snuff for this game and as a result were victorious 5-2. However, the score of the game was not indicative of Hamilton's effort. The Blue outshot Middlebury 37-22, and skated well, but were hard-pressed to put the puck in the net. Donnie Armstrong hit the post twice on the same shot, and it seemed that Greg Adams, their goalie, was having "one of those days." On top of that Fred Erdmann scored Middlebury's first three goals.

Fourth in ECAC

Hamilton has had to play seven games in twelve days, and the wear and tear of the season seems to have caught up. In losing to Middlebury, Hamilton slipped from second to fourth place in the Division II standings.

Ithaca Easy

A bright note was the trouncing of Ithaca 7-2 on Wednesday. Many felt the game would be tougher than it looked, but Hamilton snapped out of their recent doldrums and controlled the game from the start.

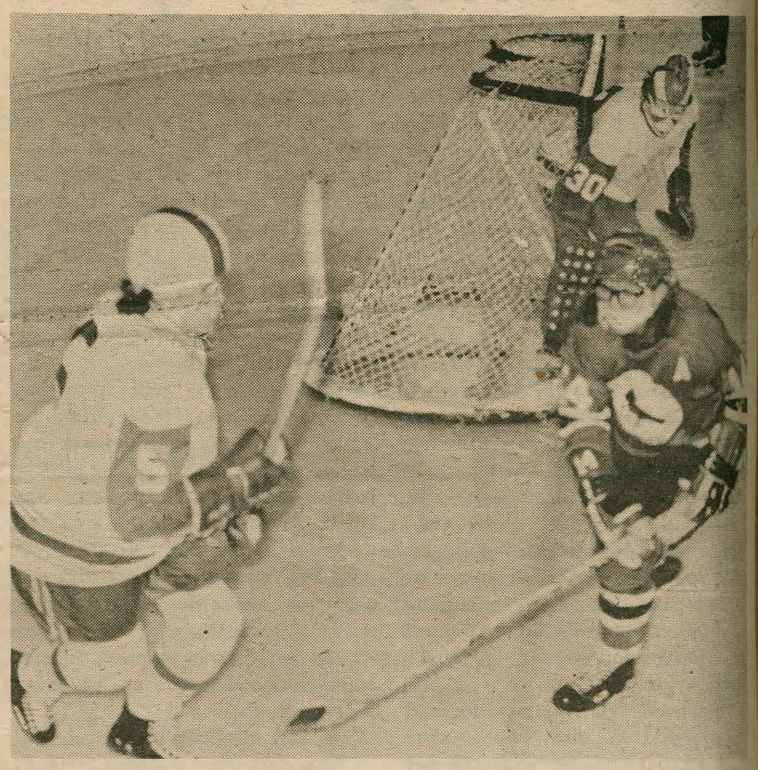
George Gillmore scored twice in the first period and his older brother Dave also tallied to give Hamilton a quick 3-0 lead. Lenny Thomas and Don Armstrong scored in the second.

Ithaca's freshman David Yeo spoiled Ray Rossi's shutout. Yeo scored again to open the third period, but Tom Griffith and Rick Aubry chipped in a couple more to round out the scoring.

Phil Hildebrand missed the games with a bruised coccyx and Hamilton's leading scorer was ably replaced by Rick Anderson, who assisted on George Gillmore's two scores. Gillmore is one of the top five scorers. Last year George started out on the JV's. His knack for being in the right place at the right time has earned him a spot on the first line — a remarkable if not unbelievable transformation.

Houseparties and Williams

There is one more home game left this year, and appropiately enough it's on houseparty weekend. Even more appropriate is their opponent — Williams. This Saturday the Continentals travel to UConn to a game that must be won if Hamilton hopes to capture the home ice advantage for the play-offs.



Union Numbers Conts Rebound Over Oswego

By ROBERT McCORMICK

The Dutchmen of Union College have the Hamilton basketball quintet's number — nine to be precise.

The Schenectady squad decisively defeated the Continentals 72-63 Wednesday night at Union. This marked the second time within three weeks that the Dutchmen had bested Hamilton by a nine point margin.

The Continentals opened the game looking determined to avenge their previous loss. The strategy was to utilize Pedro Garcia's great leaping ability by isolating him in the pivot against shorter Union guard Bill Carmody.

The ploy worked well as the Continentals opened up an early 10-6 lead. But when the Dutchmen switched to a modified zone defense, Hamilton was forced to scrap this plan.

Union soon forged ahead on the strength of their aggressive defense and sharp outside shooting. The Conts put on a burst near the end of the half, however, and narrowed the gap to 38-32 by intermission.

The second half was all Union. The Dutchmen played textbook ball and finished with a 52.5 percent accuracy mark from the field.

Listless Offense

The Blue, on the other hand, seemed listless at times on offense, and at the other end of the floor allowed the Dutchmen to penetrate for easy buckets.

Mid-way through the second half, with the Continentals down by 11, Coach Murphy made a final attempt to get his charges back into the game. He inserted Marty Guy with instructions to shoot. The Co-Captain promptly uncorked 3 jumpers, none of which connected. Minutes later, frustrated, he returned to the bench. It was that kind of night for the Continentals.

"Union has an excellent team," Coach Murphy said after the game. "The main difference between them and us is their poise and maturity. They're a veteran club. Our guys still tend to go a little haywire at times."

A Little Haywire

Blue backers can certainly take pride in the three freshmen who started the game. Willie Jackson, John Klauberg and Bernie Mucitelli combined for 36 Hamilton points. The other main contributor was Mark Rybarczyk (15 points, 9 rebounds).

Rybarczyk has been seeing more playing time recently due to Brian Coombes' bout with the flu. After an absence of two games, Coombes was on limited duty at Union and was not yet physically up to par.

RIT Squeezes Blue

During this stretch, besides the two losses to Union, Hamilton dropped a squeaker to RIT, 66-65. Klauberg carried the team with 21 points, but fouled out near the end.

The Continentals rebounded to crush hapless Oswego on Feb. 8. The Lakers' bus almost failed to reach the Hill due to inclement weather, and they might as well have stayed home rather than absorb the 111-93 drubbing administered by the Hamilton five.

The Continentals will play Utica College at home tomorrow night and Rochester U. home on Tuesday. These two games will bear on Hamilton's post-season hopes.

Sports Editorial

Hamilton Winning

This fall people referred to Hamilton as that small school in New York with the football team that couldn't win a game. It was even a popular phrase on the Hill. But sports are not dead at Hamilton. Bob King can tell you that, so can Martin Carovano. Hamilton sports are better than ever.

While the football team fought for their pride every weekend, Manfred Von Schiller's soccer team compiled a 8-2-1 season record and earned a ECAC playoff bid. The Cross Country team remained faithful with a second place finish in the New York State Meet. Bruce Carter won the individual championship. The fall also saw the Cross Country team's winning streak that spanned four seasons and twenty- eight matches ended.

The winter sports are even more of an indication of Hamilton's success. The hockey team has consistently held their own in Division II. They remain solidly in the top four of the division described as the nation's hotbed of hockey, and are now finishing the season in hope of a home-ice playoff bid.

The swimming team is as usual the best ever on the Hill. Coach Eric MacDonald has boosted his career record at Hamilton to 79-7-1. Jeff Carlberg, remains the defending champion in the Division II 200-yd. Breastroke event and at this point in the season has the fastest recorded time in the nation.

Bob Murphy and his basketball team have also caught on, and have been ranked in the top ten in the State. They should even be better next season with a roster filled with freshman talent.

Club sports are also flourishing on the Hill. Last fall the water polo team showed that even a club sport can play on the level of the big schools. The poloists had a 10-5 season, highlighted by wins over Army, Penn State, Syracuse and Colgate, without the help of a coach. The squash club has a coach in Don Jones, and should soon be recognized on the varsity level.

Hamilton is concerned about sports. Alumni were heard concerning the football season. One alumnus even asked an administrator of the college if we couldn't please win just one game. Some were reputed to have threatened with more drastic action.

President Carovano listened to the disgruntled alumni, but maybe just watching the games may have been his motivation for replacing Coach Bob King and reinstating Don Jones. Vice-President Joe Anderson has asked for alumni support in informing high school athletes about Hamilton. Orville Goplen is leaving Hamilton's Sports Information Director position to make room for some new blood.

Hamilton should be credited with its accomplishments. In recent years, when Athletic Departments are accused of high costs and professionalism, Hamilton operates with no recruiting expenses and no scholarships for athletes. Athletic Director Gene Long heads a successful track and cross country program, and operates his program on a budget that covers little more than the essentials.

Sports on the Hill are alive. Hamilton should be proud of itself.

Swim Team Undefeated St. Lawrence Threatening

The Hamilton swim team meets St. Lawrence this weekend in what should prove to be one of their hardest meets of the season. Hamilton has been on the top of New York swimming for the last three seasons, and St. Lawrence wants to down the Blue for an upset victory.

Hamilton has been hard-pressed this year, worrying about several opponents that have the potential to win big against the Conts.

Oneonta was Hamilton's first worry. Lack of depth on the Oneonta squad and a strong first meet showing by the Continentals proved that Oneonta was not what Coach MacDonald expected.

Williams came to Clinton with a strong pre-season and a crop of potent freshmen. This was a close meet, and the Blue had to win it with the last relay.

Strong Juniors

St. Lawrence placed fifth, three spots behind Hamilton in last year's State Meet. The Larries sport a strong junior class, and have been filling in the holes with underclassmen.

All the holes have yet to be filled, however. St. L is very weak in the Breaststroke event, their divers are only average. The Larries are especially hurt by their lack of an adequate Medley Relay. They have even scratched in the first event giving seven points to the opposition.

Strelhow has Challenge

St. Lawrence's top distance swimmer, John Keller, copped two seconds in the distance events at the State Meet last March. Bucko Strelhow should find his hands full when he meets Keller in the 1000-yd. and 500-yd. events.

Tom Brush is also a threat and one of the gutsiest swimmers for St. Lawrence. Brush's showing against Potsdam last Wednesday was close to picture-perfect. He swam the 200-yd. Individual Medley, the 200-yd. Fly, and the 200-yd. Backstroke winning all three events.

Larries Have Holes

St. Lawrence is strong in all the Freestyle events, but lacks the needed second and third places that win swimming meets. Coach MacDonald said, "If we swim the way I feel we can, we can get to 57 (points) before the last relay." All either team needs is 57 points to win the meet.

The meet is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in Canton. MacDonald commented on the Larries home advantage, "You certainly suffer swimming away from home."